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Mission

The mission of the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is to regulate the public practice of geology in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth from negligent, incompetent, or fraudulent practices.

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Exploring the Creation of a Geologist-in-Training Certificate

Names define who we are. In 1992, when by statute (KRS Chapter 322A) the General Assembly created the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists, one name ... Professional Geologist ... seemed sufficient to meet the mission of the Board to identify persons qualified to engage in the public practice of geology in Kentucky to protect its citizens from negligent, incompetent, or fraudulent practices. The "public practice of geology" refers to the performance of service to the public in connection with the geological description, location, or evaluation of earth materials, liquids and gases and the natural processes acting on them.

Before the law was enacted, anyone was free to practice as a geologist in Kentucky. After enactment of the law, with a few exceptions, the public practice of geology became regulated and restricted by the Commonwealth to only those who had the appropriate education, training, and experience.* Thereafter, any person who sought to call him or herself a geologist and engage in the public practice of geology in Kentucky had to register with the newly created Board by meeting the standards of the law (i.e., examinations, academic credentials, supervised work experience).

Now, more than a decade later all new applicants for registration are early-career professionals, except those who register via comity (recognition of credentials from another state or jurisdiction). For this reason, it has become clear that a second name ... Geologist in Training ... might be useful to identify those who are working toward full registration as a professional geologist. This new name communicates the following about early-career professionals: (1) their intent to be registered as professional geologists in Kentucky, and (2) their success in meeting the preliminary requirements of the application (i.e., examina-

tions and academic credentials). It also lets the public know that their work is supervised and reviewed by a registered professional geologist who serves as a mentor during their period of apprenticeship.

With these thoughts in mind, the Board is exploring creation of a Geologist-in-Training certificate. Because creation of such a certi-

cate would require revision of the existing law and regulations, no changes will be immediately forthcoming. At this point, simply keep in mind that a Geologist-in-Training certificate is an issue under consideration by the Board and remains a possibility for the future.

* Information about exemptions from the requirement for professional registration can be found on our website at

<http://www.state.ky.us/>

[agencies/finance/boards/geology/pages/faq.htm](http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/finance/boards/geology/pages/faq.htm)



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Newly Registered Geologists

Name	Effective Date	Home State
Ward E. Herst	06/04/01	MO
Douglas M. Dusbiber	08/06/01	PA
George H. Wu	08/06/01	TN
Michael S. Hall	09/24/01	NC
Ronnie Lee Adams	12/21/01	WV
Philip E. Newton	02/26/02	GA
Martin O. Klein	04/08/02	FL
Wayne H. Parker	04/24/02	TN
David Dukat	05/02/02	WY
Jeffrey A. Esterle	05/02/02	KY
Mark K. Gartner	05/02/02	KY
Clifford L. Hall	05/02/02	KY
Terry Lee Hamrick, Jr.	05/02/02	WV
Shelly F. Lam	05/02/02	MA
Robert A. Langford	05/02/02	TN
Philip P. Painter	05/02/02	OH
Carl Petersen	05/02/02	KY
Shane R. Schmidt	05/02/02	KY
Timothy R. Whitaker	05/02/02	KY
James Lee Beaver	05/10/02	GA
Brian Painter	06/10/02	ID
Robert Lovett	08/05/02	NJ
Edward Ficker	12/10/02	WV
Jason A. Anderson	12/13/02	KY
Timothy J. Coffey	12/13/02	TN
David L. Doyle	12/13/02	KY
Cynthia P. Esterle	12/13/02	KY
David L. Harmon	12/13/02	KY
David E. Jackson	12/13/02	TN
William T. Jones	12/13/02	KY
Gordon T. Mullins	12/13/02	KY
Eric S. Mysona	12/13/02	OH
Charley S. Thompson	12/13/02	KY
William Jago	01/14/03	TN
Randy M. Curtis	01/14/03	TN

Registration and Exam Activity

Registrations

1676 as of 01/29/03

Exam Results

Fundamentals of Geology

03/15/02 12 of 19 passed
10/07/02 11 of 15 passed

Practice of Geology

03/15/02 12 of 17 passed
10/07/02 10 of 12 passed

Calendar

Tentatively Scheduled 2003 Board Meetings

Dates:

April 3
June 2
August 4
October 6
December 1

Time 1:00 p.m.

Location:

Division of Occupations and Professions
911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort KY
40602

Note: These dates are subject to change.

Kentucky ASBOG Exams

Application Deadline: August 15, 2003

Exam Date: October 3, 2003

Council on Examiners Workshop

October 29–30, 2003

ASBOG 2003 Annual Meeting

October 27 – November 2

St. Augustine, Florida

Board Actions

Board Disciplinary Actions

No actions were finalized since the last announcements.

Board Legal Actions

One Cease and Desist Affidavit was approved by the Board at the March 25, 2002 meeting. Such affidavits are used when someone not registered in Kentucky agrees to cease and desist using the title of geologist when conducting business in the Commonwealth, until which time they become Board registered.

The Board considered complaints about five individuals employed by companies doing contract work for the federal government at Fort Campbell Military Base. The complaints were dismissed by the Board because states do not have the authority to regulate persons employed or contracted by the federal government to perform work on federal property.

Review of Practical Geology Workshop

Sponsored by
Kentucky Society of
Professional Geologists
August 2003

Review of Practical Geology Workshop

The Kentucky Society of Professional Geologists sponsors a semiannual workshop entitled Review of Practical Geology. The workshop provides (1) a brief technical review of selected topics that are frequently emphasized on professional geology examinations, and (2) an opportunity for self-assessment. The intended audience includes both professionals and students in the field of geology. For additional information about the workshop, contact William "Drew" Andrews at the Kentucky Geological Survey, (859) 257-5500 ext. 138; (859) 257-1147 (fax); <wandrews@kgs.mm.uky.edu>.

Disclaimer

The National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) does not endorse any examination preparation workshop, study guide, website, or other publication. This course has been developed by the Kentucky Society of Professional Geologists and Kentucky–American Institute of Petroleum Geologists solely to provide unofficial information of interest to geologists planning to take geology-related examinations, and is not endorsed or sanctioned by ASBOG or the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists. ASBOG has no responsibility for the workshop or its contents. KSPG and KY–AIPG neither offer nor imply any guarantee or warranty that course participation will improve exam results. The Candidate Handbook available from ASBOG is designed to help candidates prepare for the ASBOG national examinations. ASBOG strictly prohibits the release of specific information about the Professional Geologist examinations.

Dr. John Philley Steps Down

Dr. John Philley stepped down from the Board as his third appointment expired. Dr. Philley was an original member of the Board and was the second Board Chairman. Dr. Don Haney, State Geologist Emeritus, calls him an "ideal leader" who guided the Board through its startup phases, including Board organization, procedural development, and a "grandfather" period that resulted in 2,200 applications.

Under the leadership of Dr. Philley, the Board joined the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG). Dr. Philley served as the first Kentucky representative on the ASBOG Council of Examiners, the peer group that works with psychometricians in the development of ASBOG examinations. He served a five-year term on the ASBOG Executive Committee, as Treasurer, President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past President.

Dr. Philley is a past President of the Geological Society of Kentucky. At Morehead State University, from 1960–97, he was a member of the faculty of the Department of Physical Sciences, where he taught geology and served as Chairman. Dr. Philley also held the positions of Dean of Sciences and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Morehead. As emeritus faculty, he continues to teach geology at Morehead State today.

Dr. Philley is a graduate of Millsaps College and earned his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Geology at the University of Tennessee.

Board and Administrative Changes

Dr. John Philley resigned from the Board at the December 9, 2002 meeting. He was presented a plaque of appreciation for his service to the Board, the Division of Occupations and Professions, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Board member Larry Rhodes replaces Dr. Philley as chairman. The Board vacancy resulting from Dr. Philley's resignation was filled by Mr. Michael Sanders, a consulting geologist in the oil and gas industry from Lexington.

At that same meeting, the January retirement from the Division of Occupations and Professions of Ms. Diana Mangeot, Board Administrator, was announced. Her replacement, Ms. Billie McCall, was introduced.



Top: Dr. John Philley and newly-appointed Chairman Larry Rhodes.

Middle: Incoming Board member Michael Sanders and Chairman Larry Rhodes.

Left: Nancy Black, Executive Director, Dr. John Philley, and Chairman Larry Rhodes present a retirement gift to retiring Board Administrator Diana Mangeot.



From the Editor

It is my privilege to greet you as the Board's newly hired Communications Specialist. My responsibilities are to use the newsletter to communicate actions of the Board and issues relevant to those who provide geologic services within the Commonwealth. We hope to have the newsletter online in the near future in our effort to communicate professional standards of geology for the public benefit.



The perspective I bring to my position is an outgrowth of an academic background in chemistry, geology, soil science, and technical writing, and varied professional experience that includes technical positions with the Penn State Coal Research Section, the former Kentucky Energy Cabinet, and Mining Consulting Services, Inc.

I invite you to contact me if you have questions or concerns you would like to see addressed in future issues of the newsletter. The Board is here to answer your questions and welcomes your suggestions.

*Judith Hower
Communications Specialist*

Change of Address Forms

Reminder - The Division of Occupations and Professions has adopted a more rigorous stance regarding changes of address. This policy was instituted to help prevent ambiguity and errors in transcription. If you need to change your address at a time other than that of renewal, be sure to use the change of address form that is available online at the Board's website.

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